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: By the Examiner: John S. Maples

Serial No.: 09/577,653

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Title: CORDLESS POWER TOOL BATTERY RELEASE MECHANISM

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DATED: April 9, 2003

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith patents, publications or other information of which he is aware, which he believes may be material to the patentability of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Within the past month and a half, we have come into possession of information disclosure statements from Serial No. 09/954,526 which we understand to be a related case. Serial Nos. 09/577,653 and 09/954,526 have a common examiner. We believe that under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 (rule 56) that we should present the information disclosure statements we have received for consideration by the examiner.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

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The attached form, PTO-1449, provides a listing of patents, publications, or other information as required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1).

As discussed with Examiner Maples, we are submitting the materials in our possession that are *not* United States published patent applications.

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